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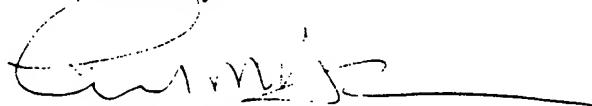
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Dear Dr. Tarczynski:

We represent General Dynamics Armament Systems, Inc. in connection with the prosecution of a reissue patent application on which you are a listed inventor. In connection with the reissue application, we require that you review the enclosed papers, sign and date the Reissue Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175 where indicated, and return the documents to me at the above-listed address. Please return the documents within two weeks of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed papers or the reissue application process, please feel free to call me or discuss it with IPI's counsel.

Sincerely,



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